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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: UN ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

1. A TWO-MAN UNITED NATIONS MISSION (HANS EMBLAD AND PAUL
KATZ) VISITED TURKEY MARCH 16-24 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT
OFFICIALS REGARDING UN ASSISTANCE FOR THE GOT'S POPPY CONTROL
PROGRAM. THE TEAM ALSO MADE A FIELD TRIP TO AFYON PROVINCE,
WHERE APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE POPPY CULTIVATION IS
CARRIED ON.

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2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMBLAD AND KATZ PLAN TO REPORT IN

GREATER DETAIL ON THEIR MISSION AFTER THEY RETURN TO GENEVA,
THE FOLLOWING WERE THE MAJOR POINTS WHICH EMERGED IN OUR
CONTACTS WITH THEM HERE:

A. NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE
UN AND GOT COVERING UN ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY FOR THE POPPY
CONTROL PROGRAM. DESPITE THIS (AND TO THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN)
THE UN IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO PROVIDE \$250,000 - \$300,000 WORTH
OF EQUIPMENT FOR A TELE-COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
TO BE SET UP AS A PILOT PROJECT CENTERED
IN AFYON PROVINCE. THE SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE A COMMUNICATIONS
LINK BETWEEN JANDARMA AND SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO) UNITS IN
AREAS COVERING 60-70 PERCENT OF THE POPPY CULTIVATION.

B. WHILE THE TMO HAS THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLE-
MENTING THE CONTROL PROGRAM FOR CULTIVATION AND HARVESTING,
JANDARMA REPRESENTATIVES STRESSED THEY WERE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR
OWN ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, AND INDICATED THEIR
READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER GOT AGENCIES IN THE POPPY
CONTROL EFFORT.

C. IN AFYON PROVINCE, THE TMO REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTED IT
HAD COMPLETED CHECKS AND MEASUREMENT OF THE POPPY PLOTS IN
VIRTUALLY EVERY VILLAGE IN THE REGION.

D. EMBLAD EXPECTS TO MAKE FUTURE VISITS TO TURKEY PERIODICALLY
AS THE UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROGRESSES.

E. THE EMBLAD/KATZ MISSION WILL SUGGEST THAT THE UN
RESREP IN ANKARA TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE, IN WHICH HE IS APPARENTLY
WILLING TO DO, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT OFFICIALS REGARDING
THE UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE MISSION
MEMBERS, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY (A) WORKED WELL
TOGETHER AS A TEAM, (B) ADOPTED A FIRM APPROACH WITH THE
TURKS REGARDING WHAT ASSISTANCE THE UN COULD REALISTICALLY
PROVIDE AND, MOREOVER, (C) WERE OPEN AND INFORMATIVE IN
THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH US. FUTURE VISITS OF THIS TYPE, TOGETHER
WITH A MORE ACTIVE ROLE BY THE LOCAL UN RESREP, COULD HELP
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STRENGTHEN THE UN'S EFFORTS IN URGING THE TURKS TO IMPLEMENT
THE MOST EFFECTIVE CONTROL SYSTEM POSSIBLE.

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